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SUBJECT: REPAYMENT OF ISRAELI FLOUR TO UNRWA IN WHEAT

REF: STATE 235562

1. UNRWA COMPTROLLER CALLOW ESTIMATES AGENCY FLOUR DEBT TO ISRAELI GOVT WILL AMOUNT TO APPROXIMATELY 5,000 MT IF REMAINDER OF VELMA LYKES SHIPMENT (1,200 MT ARRIVES ASHDOD IN TIME FOR DECEMBER DISTRIBUTION IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. IF IT DOES NOT ARRIVE IN TIME, UNRWA WILL BE OBLIGED BORROW MORE FLOUR FROM GOI, THUS INCREASING ITS INDEBTEDNESS TO AROUND 6,000 MT BY END DECEMBER.

2. CALLOW POINTS OUT THAT HIS EARLIER ESTIMATE OF 4,600 MT OWED TO GOI (BEIRUT A-203) WAS MADE IN EXPECTATION THAT ENTIRE VELMA LYKES SHIPMENT WOULD RPT WOULD ARRIVE ASHDOD IN TIME FOR DECEMBER DISTRIBUTION. EVEN IF IT HAD REACHED ASHDOD IN EARLY NOVEMBER, AS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED, AGENCY WOULD STILL HAVE BEEN FORCED BORROW UP TO 4,500-5,000 MT FROM GOI IN ORDER MEET DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS THROUGH CY 1973. THIS SITUATION OCCASIONED BY FACT, REPORTED OUR 11082 AND CAROLAN-CLUVERIUS LETTER NOV 20, THAT CONTINUING DELAYS IN DELIVERIES OF US

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FLOUR TO UNRWA SINCE LAST SUMMER HAVE THROWN US-UNRWA SHIPMENT SCHEDULE INCREASINGLY OUT OF KILTER AND WOULD HAVE OBLIGED AGENCY BEGIN BORROWING FROM GOI ANYWAY.

3. CALLOW ALSO NOTES THAT SIMILAR DELAYS (PAST AND FUTURE) IN US FLOUR SHIPMENTS TO BEIRUT FOR UNRWA'S USE IN LEBANON AND SYRIA MAKE IT LIKELY THAT AGENCY WILL ALSO HAVE TO BORROW UP TO 2,500 MT (IF AVAILABLE) FROM GOL AND SARG IN JANUARY 1974. HE EXPECTS BOTH GOVTS. WILL ALSO REQUEST PAYMENT IN WHEAT, AND WONDERS IF USG WOULD BE PREPARED AGREE TO SAME SUBSTITUTION ARRANGEMENT (WHEAT FOR FLOUR) NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR FUTURE DELIVERIES OF US COMMODITIES TO UNRWA IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. THIS WOULD INCREASE TOTAL AMOUNT OF WHEAT SOUGHT BY UNRWA TO EQUIVALENT OF APPROXIMATELY 8,500 MT OF FLOUR FOR REIMBURSEMENT HOST GOVTS.
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